

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Howard D. Dean
Title: Method and Apparatus for Producing an Implant
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Examiner: Amanda L. Lauritzen
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Lauritzen:

The office action of March 6, 2009 (the "Office Action") on US Patent Application No. 10/089,467 (the "Present Application") set forth a 3 month statutory period for filing of a response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant requests a 3 month extension of time for filing. All fees associated with the 3 month extension of time are being paid concurrently with the filing of this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Responsive to the office action of March 6, 2009, applicant respectfully states as follows: